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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, IN

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE  
FROM PRIME MINISTER GANDHI OF INDIA

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO  
PRIME MINISTER GANDHI FROM PRESIDENT FORD.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MADAME PRIME MINISTER: YOUR HEARTENING  
MESSAGE OF AUGUST 9 ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESI-  
DENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. I ALSO  
WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS, IN YOUR  
LETTER OF AUGUST 19, REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE DEMOCRATIC HERITAGE WE SHARE.  
YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE AMERICAN  
GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD OUR COMMON  
GOAL OF A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND, AND  
THAT WE WILL CARRY FORWARD OUR POLICY OF SEEKING  
STRENGTHENED RELATIONS WITH INDIA. WITH BEST WISHES,  
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

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2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE BUT HAS NO  
OBJECTION IF EMBASSY WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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## Message Attributes

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